

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Request for Review of the)	
Decision of the)	
Universal Service Administrator by)	
)	
Ropes Independent School District)	File No. SLD - None assigned
Ropesville, Texas)	
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Federal-State Joint Board on)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)	
)	
Changes to the Board of Directors of the)	CC Docket No. 97-21
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)	

ORDER

Adopted: May 10, 2002

Released: May 13, 2002

By the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. This Order dismisses the Request for Review filed by Ropes Independent School District (Ropes ISD), Ropesville, Texas.¹ Ropes ISD seeks review of a decision issued by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator) on August 21, 2001.² The Commission received Ropes ISD's Request for Review on April 1, 2002.³

2. For requests seeking review of decisions issued on or after August 13, 2001 under section 54.720(b) of the Commission's rules, any such appeal must be filed with the Commission or SLD within 60 days of the issuance of the decision that the party seeks to have reviewed.⁴

¹ Letter from Elbert Wuthrich, Ropes Independent School District, to Federal Communications Commission, filed April 1, 2002 (Request for Review).

² Letter from the School and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Jeff McGinnis, Ropes Independent School District, dated August 21, 2001 (Year 4 Rejection Letter). Section 54.719(c) of the Commission's rules provides that any person aggrieved by an action taken by a division of the Administrator may seek review from the Commission. 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(c).

³ See Request for Review.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 54.720(b). See *Implementation of Interim Filing Procedures for Filings of Requests for Review, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, FCC 01-376 (rel. Dec. 26, 2001), as corrected by *Implementation of Interim Filing Procedures for Filings of Requests for Review, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Errata (Com. Car. Bur. rel. Dec. 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002).

Documents are considered to be filed with the Commission only upon receipt.⁵ Because the instant Request for Review was not filed within the requisite 60-day period, it will be dismissed without further consideration.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a), that the Request for Review filed by Ropes Independent School District, Ropesville, Texas, on April 1, 2002 IS DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.7.